

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the applications.

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-14. (Canceled)

15. (Currently Amended) A method for ~~cosmetic~~-treatment of ~~the human body~~ aged human skin ~~which comprises~~ comprising topically applying to the aged human skin a ~~cosmetic or~~ dermopharmaceutical composition ~~for use in connection with topical application~~ comprising:

- (a) an extract of leaves of a Castanea sativa plant; and
- (b) at least one cosmetic and/or dermopharmaceutical auxiliary and/or additive adapted for topical treatment of human skin selected from the group consisting of oil bodies, surfactants, emulsifiers, fats, waxes, pearlescent waxes, bodying agents, thickeners, superfatting agents, stabilizers, polymers, silicone compounds, lecithins, phospholipids, active ingredients produced by living organisms or biological processes, deodorants, antimicrobial agents, antiperspirants, film formers, antidandruff agents, swelling agents, insect repellents, hydrotropes, solubilizers, preservatives, perfume oils and dyes,

~~wherein said treatment in an amount effective~~ to provide[[s]] an anti-ageing effect.

16. (Canceled)

17. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 15, wherein the ~~cosmetic~~ treatment provides for the protection of human skin cells against UV-radiation.

18. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 15, wherein said ~~cosmetic~~ treatment of aged human skin provides at least one anti-ageing effect selected from the group consisting of an anti-free-radical effect and an anti-protease effect, with the proviso that the anti-ageing effect is not an anti-matrix-metalloprotease-effect or an antilipoxygenase effect.

19. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 15, wherein said ~~cosmetic~~ treatment of aged human skin provides an anti-ageing effect selected from the group consisting of a whitening effect and a lightening effect.

20. (Canceled)

21. (Previously presented) The method of claim 15, wherein, the concentration of said extract in said composition is 0.1 weight-% to 3 weight-% based on the composition.

22. (Previously presented) The method of claim 15, wherein said extract is obtained by the method comprising the steps of:

- (a) extracting the leaves of the Castanea sativa plant with a solvent selected from the group consisting of water, an alcohol and mixtures thereof, to form an extract; and
- (b) removing the solvent from said extract.

23-24. (Canceled)

25. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 15 for ~~cosmetic~~ treatment of ~~the human body~~ aged human skin comprising topically applying to the aged human skin a ~~cosmetic or~~ dermopharmaceutical composition ~~for use in connection with topical application~~ comprising:

- (a) 0.001 to 10 weight-%, based on the composition, of an extract of leaves of a Castanea sativa plant; and
- (b) at least one cosmetic and/or dermopharmaceutical auxiliary and/or additive adapted for topical treatment of human skin selected from the group consisting of oily bodies, surfactants, emulsifiers, fats, waxes, pearlescent waxes, bodying agents, thickeners, superfatting agents, stabilizers, polymers, silicone compounds, lecithins, phospholipids, active ingredients produced by living organisms or biological processes, deodorants, antimicrobial agents, antiperspirants, film formers, antidandruff agents, swelling agents, insect repellents, hydrotropes, solubilizers, preservatives, perfume oils and dyes, ~~wherein said treatment in an amount effective to provide~~ wherein said treatment in an amount effective to provide ~~[[s]]~~ an anti-ageing effect.

26. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 25, wherein said extract is obtained by a method comprising the steps of:

- (a) extracting the leaves of the Castanea sativa plant with a solvent selected from the group consisting of water, an alcohol and mixtures thereof, to form an extract; and
- (b) removing said solvent from said extract.

27-29. (Canceled)

30. (Previously presented) The method of claim 15, wherein component (b) comprises a thickener.

31. (Previously presented) The method of claim 30, wherein said thickener comprises a polysaccharide.

32. (Previously presented) The method of claim 25, wherein component (b) comprises a thickener.

33. (Previously presented) The method of claim 32, wherein said thickener comprises a polysaccharide.

34. (Currently Amended) A method for ~~cosmetic treatment of the human body~~ aged human skin ~~which comprises the step of comprising topically applying to the aged human skin a cosmetic or~~ dermopharmaceutical composition for use in connection with topical application, said composition consisting of:

- (a) an extract of leaves of a Castanea sativa plant; and
- (b) one or more thickeners;

~~wherein said treatment~~ in an amount effective to provide[[s]] an anti-ageing effect.

35. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 34, wherein said ~~cosmetic or~~ dermatopharmaceutical composition ~~for use in connection with topical application~~ consists of:

- (a) 0.001 to 10 weight-%, based on the composition, of an extract of leaves of a Castanea sativa plant; and
- (b) one or more thickeners;

~~wherein said treatment~~ in an amount effective to provide[[s]] an anti-ageing effect.

36. (Previously presented) The method of claim 34, wherein said thickeners are selected from the group consisting of polysaccharides.

37. (Previously presented) The method of claim 35, wherein said thickeners are selected from the group consisting of polysaccharides.

38. (Currently Amended) A method for ~~cosmetic treatment of the human body~~ aged human skin comprising which comprises the step of topically applying to the aged human skin a ~~cosmetic or~~ dermatopharmaceutical composition ~~for use in connection with topical application~~, said composition consisting of:

- (a) an extract of leaves of a Castanea sativa plant;
- (b) one or more thickeners; and
- (c) water;

~~wherein said treatment provides an anti-ageing effect~~ in an amount effective to inhibit the secretion of elastase present or to stabilize or scavenge free radicals present as a result of the process which produced the aged human skin.

39. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 38, wherein said ~~cosmetic or~~ dermatopharmaceutical composition ~~for use in connection with topical application~~ consists of:

- (a) 0.001 to 10 weight-%, based on the composition, of an extract of leaves of a Castanea sativa plant;
- (b) one or more thickeners; and
- (c) water;

~~wherein said treatment provides an anti-ageing effect in an amount effective to inhibit the secretion of elastase present or to stabilize or scavenge free radicals present as a result of the process which produced the aged human skin .~~

40. (Previously presented) The method of claim 38, wherein said thickeners are selected from the group consisting of polysaccharides.

41. (Previously presented) The method of claim 39, wherein said thickeners are selected from the group consisting of polysaccharides.

42. (New) The method of claim 15 wherein the dermatopharmaceutical composition is topically applied to skin showing signs of ageing.

43. (New) The method of claim 18 wherein the anti-protease effect is inhibiting the secretion of elastase present as a result of the process that produced the aged human skin.

44. (New) The method of claim 18 wherein the anti-free radical effect is stabilizing or scavenging free radicals present as a result of the process which produced the aged human skin.